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1. SUMMARY. PROFESSOR SEYOM BROWN HELD STIMULATING DISCUSSIONS WITH A CROSS-SECTION OF SENIOR ROMANIAN OFFICIALS AND ANALYSTS DURING HIS VISIT TO BUCHAREST MARCH 29-31. IN EACH OF HIS MEETINGS PROFESSOR BROWN ADVANCED HIS VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY OPENLY AND ARTICULATELY, ENGENDERING THE KIND OF WELL-TEMPERED, CONSTRUCTIVE SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES WE HOPED WOULD TAKE PLACE. AS A RESULT WE ARE MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH HIS PROGRAM, ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS EFFORTS WE HAVE MADE TO DATE IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

2. PROFESSOR BROWN, A MILITARY AND SECURITY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, HAD TWO MAJOR EVENTS DURING HIS STAY IN BUCHAREST, A LECTURE IN THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ON THE SUBJECT "PROSPECTS FOR DISARMAMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD ORDER" AND A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE NEW WORLD ORDER AT ADIRI, THE ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. AT BOTH OF THESE PRO-

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GRAMS WE SHOWED HIS VTR INTERVIEW WITH JAMES CHACE AND

DISTRIBUTED TRANSLATIONS OF ITS TRANSCRIPT. AS WE HAD HOPED, THE VRT SERVED AS AN EXCELLENT LAUNCHING MEANS FOR INTRODUCING FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. STEFAN VOICU, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE RCP'S IDEOLOGICAL-POLITICAL JOURNAL AND THE GOR'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR AT THE EAST BERLIN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY GATHERINGS, WAS THE MOST NOTABLE AMONG AN AUDIENCE OF 75 WHO ATTENDED THE LIBRARY PROGRAM. IN THE FRIENDLY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOLLOWING THE FORMAL PRESENTATION, VOICU AND HIS COLLEAGUES ENGAGED PROFESSOR BROWN IN THE LIVELIEST, IN PARTS CRITICAL, DISCUSSION WE RECALL EVER TAKING PLACE AT A LIBRARY PROGRAM. AT ADIRI 50 LEADING ROMANIAN SPECIALISTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS QUESTIONED PROFESSOR BROWN ON SUBJECTS RANGING FROM DISARMAMENT, THE UN AND THE CHANGING WORLD ORDER TO AMERICAN VIEWS ON THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE MEANING OF "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" AND WHAT SOME ROMANIANS ARE CALLING "SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE".

3. PROFESSOR BROWN'S VISIT CAME AT AN ESPECIALLY PROPITIOUS MOMENT SINCE TRADITIONAL ROMANIAN APPREHENSIONS ABOUT A YALTA COMPLEX AND COLLUSION BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS HAVE BEEN REACTIVATED RECENTLY BY THE PRESS REPORTS ABOUT COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT'S ALLEGED REMARKS IN LONDON. PROFESSOR BROWN DID YEOMAN DUTY IN TRYING TO DISPEL THESE FEARS IN HIS MEETINGS WITH ROMANIANS. AT ALMOST EVERY DISCUSSION ROMANIAN OFFICIALS ASKED IF THIS WERE THE REAL US VIEW OF EASTERN EUROPE, AND IN EVERY CASE HE TOOK PAINS TO DENY IT. SIMILARLY, HE REJECTED THE NOTION EXPRESSED BY MANY ROMANIANS HE MET THAT "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" MEANS THE U.S. INTENDS TO ADOPT A MORE MILITARISTIC AND LESS LEGAL POSE IN THE WORLD. IF FOR NO OTHER REASON PROFESSOR BROWN'S VISIT WAS A SUCCESS BY VIRTUE OF HIS EFFORTS TO CLARIFY THESE TWO SENSITIVE POINTS, EVEN THOUGH MOST OF HIS "YALTA-MINDED" AUDIENCES REMAINED HIGHLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS.

4. IN ADDITION TO HIS TWO MAJOR PROGRAMS, PROFESSOR BROWN HELD SMALLER ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS AT THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCES (EIGHT ANALYSTS FROM ITS INTERNATIONAL SECTION), STEFAN GHEORGHU ACADEMY (12 PROFESSORS FROM THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENTS) AND THE MFA (A TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH MINISTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNSELORS, INCLUDING PERHAPS THE GOR'S LEADING INTERNATIONAL LAWYER). HE ALSO MET WITH ANALYSTS FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND WITH A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE MARKETING INSTITUTE. TWO REPRESENTATIONAL LUNCHEONS WERE HELD IN HIS HONOR, HOSTED BY THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND THE PAO, ATTENDED BY SOME OF THE FOREMOST ROMANIAN I.R. ANALYSTS.

5. ONE CRUCIAL FACTOR IN HIS PROGRAM'S SUCCESS WAS

AGENCY SUPPORT, UNQUESTIONABLE BY THE BEST WE HAVE SEEN FOR A VOLSPKR. IN ADDITION TO THE EXCELLENT VTR, WE RECEIVED ITS TRANSCRIPT IN TIME TO HAVE IT TRANSLATED; FIFTY COPIES OF PROFESSOR BROWN'S MOST RECENT BOOK WHICH WE SPREAD AROUND THE CITY TO ALL THE ROMANIANS HE WOULD MEET, INCLUDING A MINI-BOOK FAIR AT HIS ADIRI LECTURE; AND COMPREHENSIVE BIO DATA WHICH PROBABLY HELPED OPEN DOORS WE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH OTHERWISE. ALL AGENCY ELEMENTS CONCERNED ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED FOR DOING EXCELLENT SPAGE WORK TO HELP MAKE PROFESSOR BROWN'S VISIT A SUCCESS.

6. CREDIT OF COURSE GOES TO PROFESSOR BROWN HIMSELF, WHOSE PRESENTATIONS WERE NOTABLE FOR THEIR FORTHRIGHTNESS, SOLIDITY, AND INTELLECTUAL HONESTY, IF NOT FOR BRILLIANCE OR ORIGINALITY. HE SUCCEEDED PERHAPS NOT SO MUCH IN MAKING POINTS FOR AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS AS IN PRESENTING IMPARTIALLY AND PERSUASIVELY THE BROAD RANGE OF CONCERNS WHICH GO INTO CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY BY INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS IN THE U.S. SOME ROMANIANS AT I.R. INSTITUTES SEEMED EAGER TO DEVELOP TIES WITH THE "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANALYSTS" WHICH BROWN EMINENTLY REPRESENTS (AND IMPLICITLY FOSTER A MORE DISPASSIONATE ANALYTICAL APPROACH RATHER THAN IDEOLOGICAL SERMONIZING IN THEIR OWN BAILIWICK.

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